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WILD STRAWBERRIES to perform at Daemen

Put away your snow shovels and heavy coats, because Spring is on its way, and that means the Student Association's annual **Springfest** event is also not far away.

Springfest weekend will take place on April 19 & 20. The weekend begins with the second annual Semi-Formal

Dance, sponsored by the Freshman and Sophomore Classes (but open to the entire Daemen community), which will be held on Friday evening, at 9 pm, in the Social Room. The event will feature hot hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a punch fountain, French vanilla cappuccino, lights and music by High Voltage Audio, portrait pictures, dancing, and lots of fun. Tickets will be on sale in the Daemen Bookstore.



On Saturday, April 20, from 1 to 4 pm, various student organization sponsored games and activities will take place on Daemen's front yard, while live music is performed under a huge tent. The two afternoon bands will be **One Drop Reggae** and **Stealin** (a heavy metal type of band).

One of the highlights of Springfest will take place later on that Saturday. The Student Association is planning a concert featuring the "alternative" band **Wild Strawberries** in the Social Room. The evening will begin with a warm up show by **Plaster Sandals** (the group that did the warm-up show for 10,000 Maniacs at Daemen this past fall).

Take that much-needed stress break, and enjoy a day of fun away from your books. Don't miss everything the Student Association has planned for **Springfest 96!**

Mark your calendars!

1997 YEARBOOK PHOTO WEEK

for
1997 SENIOR GRADUATES
FULL-TIME FACULTY
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

April 22-26
Wick Center Oddy Lounge

Sign up NOW for an appointment
at Wick Desk.

"Double's Darlings" Daemen's Delight!

The Lady Warriors completed their best season in school history with their first-ever appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. They accomplished this by defeating perennial conference powerhouse St. Vincent in the KECC championship game 66 - 65. The Lady Warriors hosted this game as they took first place in the KECC regular season with a perfect 16 - 0 record. After a first round bye in the conference tournament, they defeated Westminster 70 - 61 in the semifinals as Dana Forti had 18 points, seven rebounds, and seven assists. In the finals, Amy King had 19 points and five assists, while Dana Forti scored 16 points including two foul shots with nine seconds left to clinch the win. Daemen was defeated by Central St. (OH) in the national tournament, 82 - 63. Central St. was the eighth seeded team in the country.

The Lady Warriors were led by three all-conference performers in Larissa Smith, Amy King, and Dana Forti. Smith was named KECC player of the year as she averaged 13.3 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.4 assists, and 3.6 steals per game. King was named KECC freshman of the year as she averaged 13.6 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 4.3 steals per game. She was among the leagues best in three-point percentage (.361) and free-throw percentage (.702). King and Forti were named second-team all KECC. Forti

brought her game up another level during the post season as she averaged 19.3 points per game in those three games. Rebecca McKerchie was also a major factor this season as she scored 10.3 points per game and led the team in rebounding with 6.7 per game. Claire McDonnell was again a defensive force and helped give the Lady Warriors one of the top-rated defenses in the nation.

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This season truly was a record-breaking year for the 27-5 Lady Warriors as 17 team records were set along with seven individual ones. Among the team records set were most wins (270), most consecutive wins (16), most points per game (73.0), and least points per game allowed (53.8). Dana Forti became Daemen's all-time assist leader (381), Sabrina Andrysiak became their all-time leader in blocked shots (104), while Lori Hoffman became the Lady Warriors all-time leader in games played (111). Amy King set single season records with 136 steals and 60 three-point field goals. Deanna Celej set the single season blocked shot mark with 62, while Rebecca McKerchie had the best field goal percentage in Daemen history by shooting 45.4%.

The
ASCENT
wants to hear from you!

Why not share your thoughts with the campus community through our newspaper, ASCENT?

If you're interested in finding out more, stop by Wick Center and talk to the Director of Student Activities, Chris Malik.

Submissions for the ASCENT are due the 15th day of the month preceding the issue. Send all submissions on a 3.5 inch Macintosh formatted computer disk (preferable) or typed on plain paper to the Student Activities Office.

Don't miss the

April
T.G.I.F.
Party!

April 12
with the brothers of
Phi Beta Gamma

Great food!
Cool Tunes!
Good Friends!
Fun Times!

Admission: \$1

Daemen Dining Service
and the
Student Activities Office
presents

*"April
in Paris"*
DINNER

Thursday, April 25
from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
in Wick Dining Room

(Non-residents pay only \$4)

with music by
Judd Sunshine

The Anatomy of a Student Event

by Chris Malik, Director of Student Activities

(reprinted upon request of the Student Association; article originally appeared in the March 1995 Ascent)

Who decides what activities happen on campus? How can I get more involved in campus life and in what's going on at Daemen? Where does my Student Activities fee get spent?

Have you asked any of these questions? Well, hopefully, we will be able to answer a few of your questions here. If, however, we don't address your particular concern, please stop by the Student Activities Office (located right behind the Wick Center Information Desk) with your questions. We are always happy to see you.

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Activities generate from a number of different areas of the college. Some activities are organized directly through various college offices (Student Activities Office, Campus Ministry Office, Community Service Office, Athletic Office, Career Development Office, Associate Dean's Office, and various faculty departments). The majority of student events, however, are organized and run by Daemen College's recognized student organizations and the Student Association (Daemen's student government).

Daemen's student organizations include: six Greek organizations (two fraternities and four sororities), various special-interest groups (Indoor Soccer Club, Resident Council, Commuter Council, Multi-Cultural Association, Drama Club, Ski Club, Special Olympics, Sports, Fitness & Wellness Club), three publications (A Step Ascending, Ascent, Summit), and a number of clubs associated with an academic department (Accounting, Art, Business, Education, English, Humanities, Physician Assistant, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Travel & Transportation Management).

The Student Association Senate includes six executive board members (President, VP of Governing, VP of Programming, VP of Publications, Treasurer, and Secretary) who are elected to their positions by the student body every spring, and the four class presidents, who are elected to their positions every fall.

Most student events are funded by the Student Activities fee collected by the college from each student (\$30/semester). This fund is managed by the Student Affairs Office who delegates authority to the Student Association to vote on how this money should be spent. Student Activities fees are spent on a whole variety of areas including: YMCA swim & racquetball passes, TGIF parties, movie nights, special events (like the Cultural Foodfest, Halloween Party, Springfest, Airband, Semi-Formal, Campus Picnic Lunch, Fallfest, etc.), the yearbook, the Ascent, entertainment shows (like the 10,000 MANIACS Concert, the annual Dave Binder concert, Combat Jousting, Velcro Fly Wall, Fun Flicks, Sumo Wrestling, etc.), monthly entertainment dinners, gameroom equipment, monthly coffeehouses, Model UN, student art show openings, Senior Week, and so on.

Typically, the first thing a student organization planning an event needs to do is to stop by the Student Activities Office to discuss their plans (hopefully well in advance of the event). At that time, dates, location, time, room availability, and possible scheduling conflicts can all be looked into. Room reservation forms can also be filled out to reserve needed rooms. The office can also assist in obtaining or directing food service, audio-visual, or special maintenance needs. We can help the organization contact outside agencies needed for their event (bus companies, bands, DJ's, staging, lights, rental agencies, etc.). We can also begin the paperwork necessary to request funding from the Student Activities fee ("1-2-3 Funding Request Form").

After the Student Activities Office reviews the organization's 1-2-3 Funding form, their request goes to the Student Association Senate (they meet every Tuesday, at 11:30 am, in Wick Center, room 113-115). The Student Association then discusses the budget with the requesting organization's student representative and votes on the budget. Once the budget has been approved, the organization needs to keep in close communication with the Student Activities Office to be sure the many details involved (contracts, payments, ordering, advertising, maintenance request, etc.) are taken care of.

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How can you get involved in all this? The best way to get involved is to join one of Daemen's student organizations that is of interest to you (listed earlier). Each organization has a mailbox located behind Wick Desk, which is the primary way of communicating with each group. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please stop by the Student Activities Office -- we can help!

You may also consider running for one of the elected positions on the Student Association Senate. The Student Association Senate is a group of dedicated students who work hard at serving the student body. Executive board elections will be held in April. If you really want to get involved, this is where the action is.

SENIOR WEEK ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS

*are now available in the
Student Activities Office.*

You must be available
to work May 7 - 11

***Serve the college, have fun,
and build that resume!***

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Elections

April 15 - 19, in Wick Lobby

Every spring an election is held for the Executive Board of the Student Association. This includes the following six positions:

**Please
Vote!**

President
VP of Governing
VP of Programming
VP of Publications
Treasurer
Secretary

**Thank
You!**

Every fall an election is held for the four class presidents who act as class representatives to the Student Association.

Together with the Student Association Executive Board, the group comprises the ten member Student Association Senate.

During election week, please take a couple of minutes to vote for the candidates of your choice. These students volunteer to serve the student body, and work hard to promote student life.

The candidate's *Letters of Intent* will be posted in Wick Lobby for your review. Please do your part to make the process work.

**SUBMITTED
EARLY**

LETTERS OF INTENT

Dear Students,

My name is Lucy Jacox. I am running to be your Student Association Treasurer. Many of you may have seen me, but a great deal of you do not know me. In my past two years at Daemen I have been President of Resident Council. As a result, the organization has transformed from a weak club to a well-known organization at Daemen College. I have done this through holding study halls during exam week, collecting money for needy families, and raising over \$700 through the Bachelor/Bachelorette Bid-Off. In my freshman year, I was Treasurer of MCA. My responsibilities included, but were not limited to, keeping track of how much money we had in the bank, how much money we were spending, and reporting the current standing financial position of the club.

In conclusion, I feel that I have the ability to help keep you well informed to what is going on financially with our school. I hope you read this letter and make the right decision on who will be your Student Association Treasurer.

Sincerely,
Lucy Jacox

Dear Students,

I, Ms. Sjunseearn Foxx, Vice President of the freshman class will be running for the position of Vice President of Governing for the Student Association in the election coming April 15-19, 1996.

I will have my formal letter of intent posted as soon as possible for those of you interested in voting for the right woman for the job. I am a hopeful candidate, and the one to watch for. Remember, it is important to vote, but it is also important to know who you are voting for, because these candidates will represent your interests at the Student Association meetings (every Tuesday at 11:30 am, in Wick Center).

Sincerely,
Ms. Sjunseearn Foxx

The ASCENT does not endorse any candidate, but simply provides an avenue for students to communicate with the student body. We encourage the entire college community to participate in using this vehicle for the sharing of information and ideas.

HOOP MAGIC

by Mike Letson

On Saturday, March 2, 1996, Coach Dave Skolen led the Daemen College Women's Basketball Team to victory over the Bearcats of St. Vincent's to become the KECC Champions, a feat never accomplished at Daemen College before. The Lady Warriors not only ended atop their conference with an undefeated record, but also earned a trip to Tennessee for the NAIA Women's National Tournament.

The ladies were true warriors by departing the Buffalo International Airport on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:10 am, being sent off by a small group of die-hard fans. On arrival in Jackson Tennessee, they attended an opening ceremonial banquet and prepared themselves to start the tournament by playing the first game at 9 am the next morning. Daemen College, being ranked 25th out of 32 teams, was one of seven teams making their first appearance at the NAIA tournament. They woke up on gameday to their name on the radio and a lot of support in the arena. After a hard fought game, the Lady Warriors had to sacrifice an advancement in the tournament to their competitors, and prepare for their trip home. The exhausted team was met at the airport by a smaller group of fans, but was welcomed home in unprecedented style at the TGIF Party later that day.

The women on the basketball team thought it was a great experience to meet and talk with many teams from all around the country. They got to see different levels of competition, skill, and height. Many of them were exposed to "southern hospitality", along with the benefits a national tournament brings. While down in Tennessee, the Lady Warriors got to watch some basketball, sign a lot of autographs for kids, and were also told that they talked funny! One member of the KECC championship team said, "Even though we didn't play as well as we wanted to, it was still a rewarding experience to see a different aspect of the game."

"The Lady Warriors should be commended for their fabulous effort throughout the year."

Peter Mauro, a student here at Daemen College and a loyal fan said, "The Lady Warriors should be commended for their fabulous effort throughout the year. I felt they represented Daemen College in a very respectable fashion and they deserve nothing less than to go to Tennessee. After such a remarkable season, the best in Daemen history, I'm looking forward to an increase of support for our athletic program here at Daemen College."

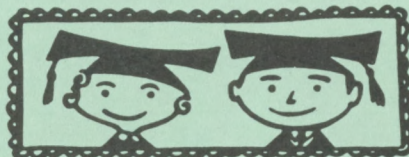
'Twas the Semester Before Commencement...

by Kristen Burgess

Graduation day is fast approaching. It is marked off on my calendar, along with the daily countdown. *Only thirty more days... Only twenty-nine more days...* It is announced every morning at the breakfast table and is repeated several times a day to any graduating senior sharing the joy, or to any undergraduate who still has to shuffle through a few more semesters.

The countdown scares me. Yes, it is true that college will be over soon. But by that time, I must finish three papers and take four exams. The joy of the end is diminished by the numerous tasks needed to meet that end.

Then there is the job hunt. I have proofread my resume so many times I can recite it by heart. As I wait for each cover letter to emerge from my printer, I say a prayer: *Please don't*



have a paper jam! I mailed out a stack of resumes last week, and there is now a stamp shortage in my house. Weekly trips to the Career Office are the norm, as are countless phone calls in search of a job.

I wait for graduation day with excitement. Then I remember that paper I haven't started writing, and I cringe. Back to reality. Get in front of the computer and don't think about graduation. Focus on the paper. There will be no graduation unless that paper is finished and that course is complete.

Will it ever end? Ask me on May 11. How am I enjoying it? Ask me on May 12. But don't bother me until after noon. I'll be sleeping in that day.

Psi Xi Omicron & the Student Association invite you to a Daemen Coffeehouse

featuring:



Saturday, April 13
8 - 9:30 pm
Wick Snackbar

complimentary desserts and
specialty coffees served

free admission

The 4th Annual FOOD FOR ALL competition

Wednesday, April 17, 1996
Noon - 1 pm, in Wick Lobby

*Student Organizations and Campus Dorms can sign up
in the Student Activities Office*

We also will need some able bodied volunteers to help deliver the food to the Food Bank, at 1 pm on that Wednesday. Some heavy lifting will be involved.

Buffalo Sabres Outing



On Friday, March 15, 1996, the Campus Ministry Office sponsored an outing to see the Buffalo Sabres play the Calgary Flames. Pictured here with "Sabretooth" are Daemen students, Danna Eastman and Jude Liptak.

Mary Angela Canavan Award

*is annually given by the
Student Association to a
graduating senior who has
demonstrated both
dedication and enthusiasm
for the improvement of
campus life*

Letters of self-nomination for this award need to be received no later than April 29, 1996. Letters should be accompanied by a resume of your student life contributions.

Send your letters to the Student Association VP of Governing (mailbox behind Wick Desk).

CONCERT NOTICE

*Some students will have
heard of the best-selling
album, CHANT.*

*On April 17, 1996 there will
be an opportunity to hear
"more recent" early music
at Daemen College ---
medieval, renaissance, and
baroque music performed by
Speculum Musicae,
the areas hottest
early music group!*

Don't miss it!

Wednesday, April 17
8 pm, in Wick Social Room

Free Admission

The American Red Cross
and the brothers of
Sigma Phi Epsilon
invite you to

**Give the
Gift of Life...**

GIVE BLOOD

Wednesday, April 24
in Wick Social Room
10 am - 4 pm

Sign up for an appointment
in Wick Lobby during the week
prior to the drive day.
Walk-ins are also welcome.

Poetry Corner

Soon a chapter of our lives will close
While a new one will open
When? no one knows
But we shall see one another again

A new chapter of memories
Kept with the old
That everyone sees
Is worth more than gold

A new chapter of life
Carrying out a dream
Some with a new husband or wife
Or living by a little stream

Leaving our family
To move onto better things
Though not happily
Do we cut those strings

Now we shed tears
When we part
Through the years
We'll stay in each other's heart

So remembering the laughter
All my friends
Close this chapter
And know the friendship never ends

by Ann Peck

A New Chapter

USED BOOK BUYBACK AT THE BOOKSTORE

Q: When can I sell my used books?

A: Buyback is scheduled to start Tuesday, April 30, which is a study day, and will end Wednesday, May 8. Check in the Bookstore for the hours.

Q: Who actually buys my used books?

A: At least half of all the used books are actually purchased by a used book wholesale company located in Nebraska. The rest are purchased by the Bookstore for resell here at Daemen College.

Q: How much money will I get for my books?

A: There are several things that determine how much money you will actually get for your books. First of all, the books have to be in a current edition. Hardcover books generally are worth more than paperbacks. The Nebraska Book Company pays between 10 and 30% of the new price of a book, except for inexpensive trade paperbacks.

Q: What about the books the Bookstore buys to resell?

A: You will get half of the new price for a used book, regardless of whether you bought it new or used.

Q: How does the Bookstore know which books to buy at half price?

A: The Bookstore staff requests textbook adoptions from faculty in April so that we can buy as many books as possible from Daemen students. We must have a signed textbook order from a professor for the following semester before we can pay half price for any book.

Q: Where is the buyback?

A: In D.S. Room 7, across the hall from the Bookstore.

The Daemen College community is openly invited to attend the

Student Life Awards Ceremony



Tuesday, May 7
5 pm, Alumni Lounge



At this ceremony, student organizations and various Student Affairs departments will be presenting awards to seniors for their involvement in student life.

A Caribbean-style reception is planned at 6 pm in the SnackBar.

BOOKSTORE NOTICE

Commencement

It's not too late for seniors to place orders for graduation attire. Call the Bookstore at 839-8245 or stop in to fill out a form. Don't wait too long!

Graduation announcements are here and can be picked up in the Bookstore as of April 1. NO JOKE!!!

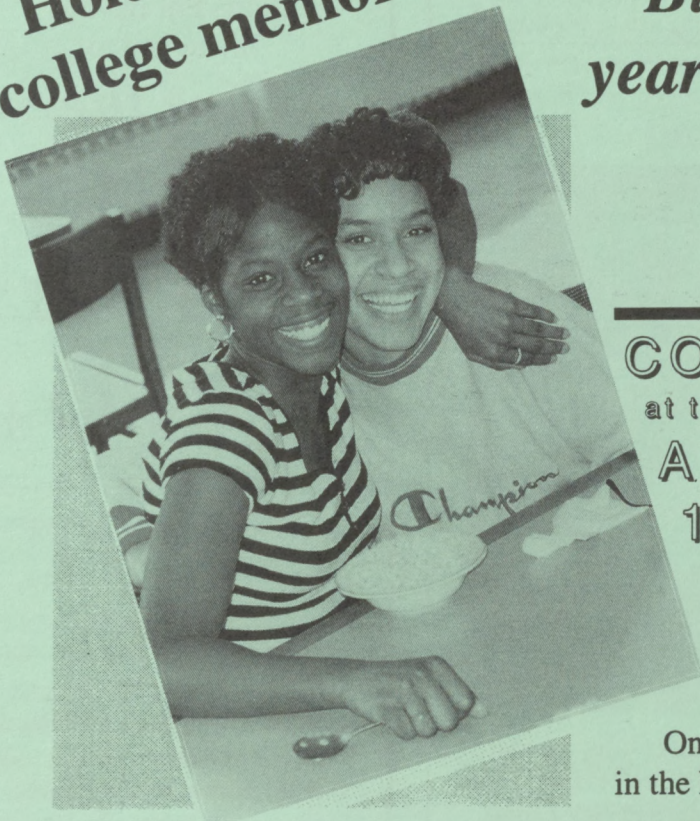
Rings

An Artcarved ring representative will be in the Bookstore April 1 and 2 from 10 am to 3 pm. Class rings for any year can be ordered now.

Watch for the end of the year sale in the Bookstore coming in late April!

Hold on to your
college memories...

Buy a
yearbook!



COMING
at the end of
APRIL
1996

Only \$10
in the Bookstore

National Medical
Laboratory Week 1996
April 14 - 20

"Helping You Have A Healthy Tomorrow"

Come see how
Clinical Laboratory Testing
can help you have a healthy
tomorrow!

The Amazing Body!
Walden Galleria Mall
Saturday, April 20, 1996

Community Service Office
invites the
Daemen Community to the

Annual Community Service Awards Reception

Friday, April 12
8 pm, Alumni Lounge



Social Work Alliance
presents a

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, April 27
8 pm, Alumni Lounge

free admission & refreshments

ASCENT policies

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Opinions expressed by writers in the Ascent are not necessarily those of the Ascent or of Daemen College.

Ascent policy is to only print articles which include a byline.